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**Burien Shoreline
Community Open House #1
May 14, 2008**

**Gregory Heights Elementary School
6:00 to 8:00pm**

Discussion Group Summaries

(Direct Transcription)

Lake Burien (Facilitators: Karen Stewart, Liz Ockwell)

- Get Ruth Dykeman involved
- Density (allowable) on the Lake no commercial or multi-family
- Do not want public access
- Dock development
- Official regulations regarding no motorized motorcrafts/boats on the lake
- Keeping storm sewers open and clean (city should take care of this)
- Keep oil out of the lake
- Fertilizer
- Titles to some properties show ownership to center of Lake -opportunity
- Shore club have self regulation within boundaries of law

Puget Sound 1 (Facilitators: Mathew Boyle, Susan Coles)

- Bulkheads and how they affect the land and the marine environment
- Global warming's affect on rising waters and properties
- Question about Coast and Harbor's study indicating southerly drift on north side of 3 Tree Point
- Conflicting ecological agencies – Burien needs to advocate for Citizen between DFW and CORPS
- Would be no homes w/o bulkheads; the beaches would be public
- Can a bulkhead be designed that protects property yet benefits the beach/marine environment?
- How was 200' jurisdiction determined?
- Vessel wakes and affect on properties
- Don't impose stricter regs. than State requires
- Buoys – are there regs. Where do you find out about them if there are
- Protect ability to place buoys
- Concerns about whether City will enforce regulations
- If you have a bulkhead and your neighbor doesn't, is doesn't do you any good- understand construction of effective bulkheads
- Environment already too altered to regulate native plants – it's too late to make a difference. Recommendation ok.
- Public access – preserve – parks are wonderful
- See people harvesting (commercially?) during red tide bloom, ect (strangers, not residents)
- Liability of access – enforcement –police matter?
- Public education re:tidelands

Puget Sound 2 (Facilitators: Gretchen Coker, Scott Thomas)

- What restoration opportunities are we considering?

- What point in time are we restoring to?
- Who pays for restoration?
- Whose properties are we restoring?
- Private property issues to be protected through this plan
- Will we be required to remove our mooring buoys?
- How will plan affect mooring buoys? (Existing and new)
- How will plan affect public access?
- We don't want DOE to regulate every aspect of our life.
- Clams declined 30 years ago when sewer line and pump station went in. Finally coming back. Will plan counter act this?
- Concern about maintaining existing public access on Indian Trail
- Human safety over ecology, bulkheads protect people and property from storms
- Waves from ships impact private property, bulkheads help protect property sensible and practical
- Bulkhead construction materials and design
- City negotiations with DOE need to convey/capture citizens concerns (stand up to DOE)
- Concern about grandfathering limitations. You can't rebuild in every situation.
- Concern about increasing public access at 3 Tree Point. Don't want liability, garbage, traffic, toilets. Preserve the neighborhood character.
- More explicit directions/rules for park/public access use.
- Proper signage

(use a different meeting space, neighborhood meeting)

Puget Sound 3 (Facilitators: Mark Daniel, David Johanson)

- Education on yard maintenance
- Concern that regulation will be applied "generally" not on a site specific basis
- Concern regarding septic systems draining to beach

- Concern regarding oil from City storm drains
- Mooring buoys are desirable
- Want to maintain ability to repair bulkheads
- Simple permit process to repair bulkheads
- Concern that after storm events restoration will be required
- Taking of private property restricting potential development
- No horses in park (or private property) on beach
- No expansion/greater use of private beaches
- It's ok to walk on beach
- Concern that increased public access could degrade the beach
- Educate beyond the beach (uplands)
- Boat launch (public) should be at Seahurst Park
- Existing private ramps should remain
- Proper management of public access/impacts
- Proactive management of activities within the 200'